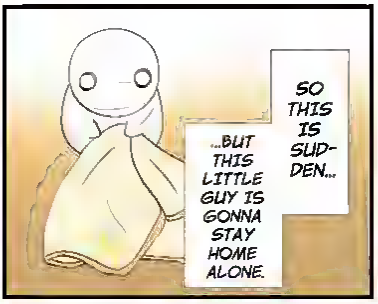

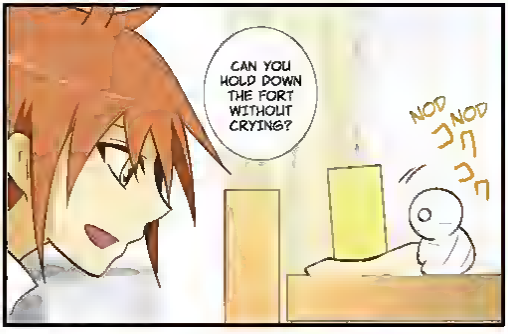

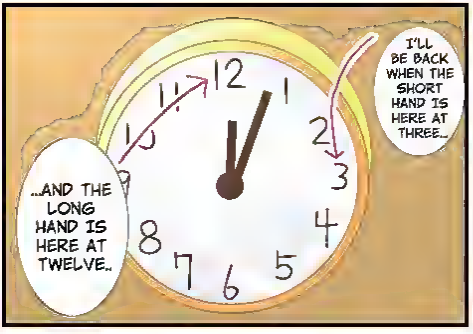

HOW DID WE END UP DOING THIS?

LET'S TURN BACK TIME TO YESTERDAY.

YEAH... IF HE COULD STAY HOME ALONE...
BUT IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS NOW. HE'S HAD TIME TO ADJUST NOW.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT SAYING IT FOR A WHILE, BUT MII STILL HADN'T EVEN BEEN IN JAPAN LONG ...
IF HE'S AT HOME, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SOMEONE FINDING OUT HE'S NOT A TOY.
AND IF HE'S GOING TO LIVE PERMA-NENTLY AT MY PLACE...
...I WOULDN'T HAVE TO BRING HIM TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.
SEE?
UH, DID THE POSSIBILITY OF RUNNING AWAY NEVER OCCUR TO YOU?
...I NEED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT MII-KUN
IF I END UP IN A BATTLE WITH SOME-THING DAD SENDS AGAIN, AND GET HURT—

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I GUESS WE'LL START PRACTICING...
YEAH. IT'S FOR THE BEST, I THINK.
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT...
IF ONLY THEY HAD DAYCARE FOR UNIDENTIFIED MYSTERIOUS ANIMALS.
AND THAT BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT.

REWARD

HEY, MII-KUN.
IF YOU CAN STAY HOME ALONE WITHOUT CRYING...
A LITTLE ANXIOUS
BEFORE BED IS ALWAYS READING TIME.
MOMO TAROU
!?
...THEN TO-NIGHT...
...I'LL READ YOU TWO PICTURE BOOKS BEFORE BED
BEEAM
HE'S OVER THE MOON...
RESTLESS
RESTLESS
MEANDER
BEEAM

I'LL BE WAITING

ENCOUNTER

I'M HOOOME!
AS SORA PLACED SOME SQUASH IN HIS SUPER-MARKET BASKET...
...SOMEONE ELSE WAS JUST GETTING HOME
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AND THEY LOOKED SOOO GOOD!
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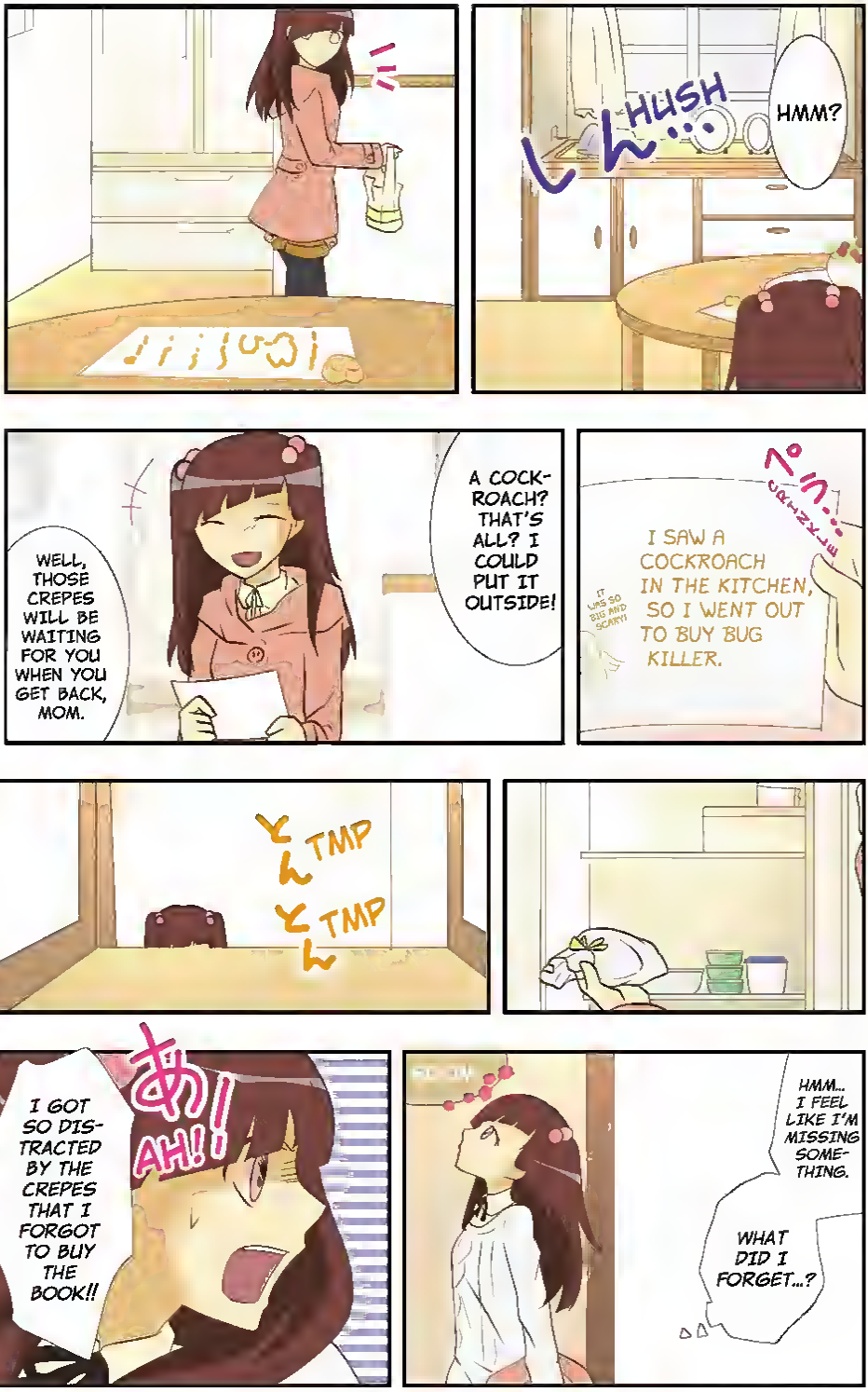
THERE WAS THIS CREPE STALL IN FRONT OF THE BOOK-STORE!
MOM, LISTEN TO THIS!
AND I KNOW YOU LOVE CREPES, SO I...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HMM?
A COCK-ROACH? THAT'S ALL? I COULD PUT IT OUTSIDE!
WELL, THOSE CREPES WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK, MOM.
I SAW A COCKROACH IN THE KITCHEN, SO I WENT OUT TO BUY BUG KILLER.
IT WAS SO BIG AND SCARY!
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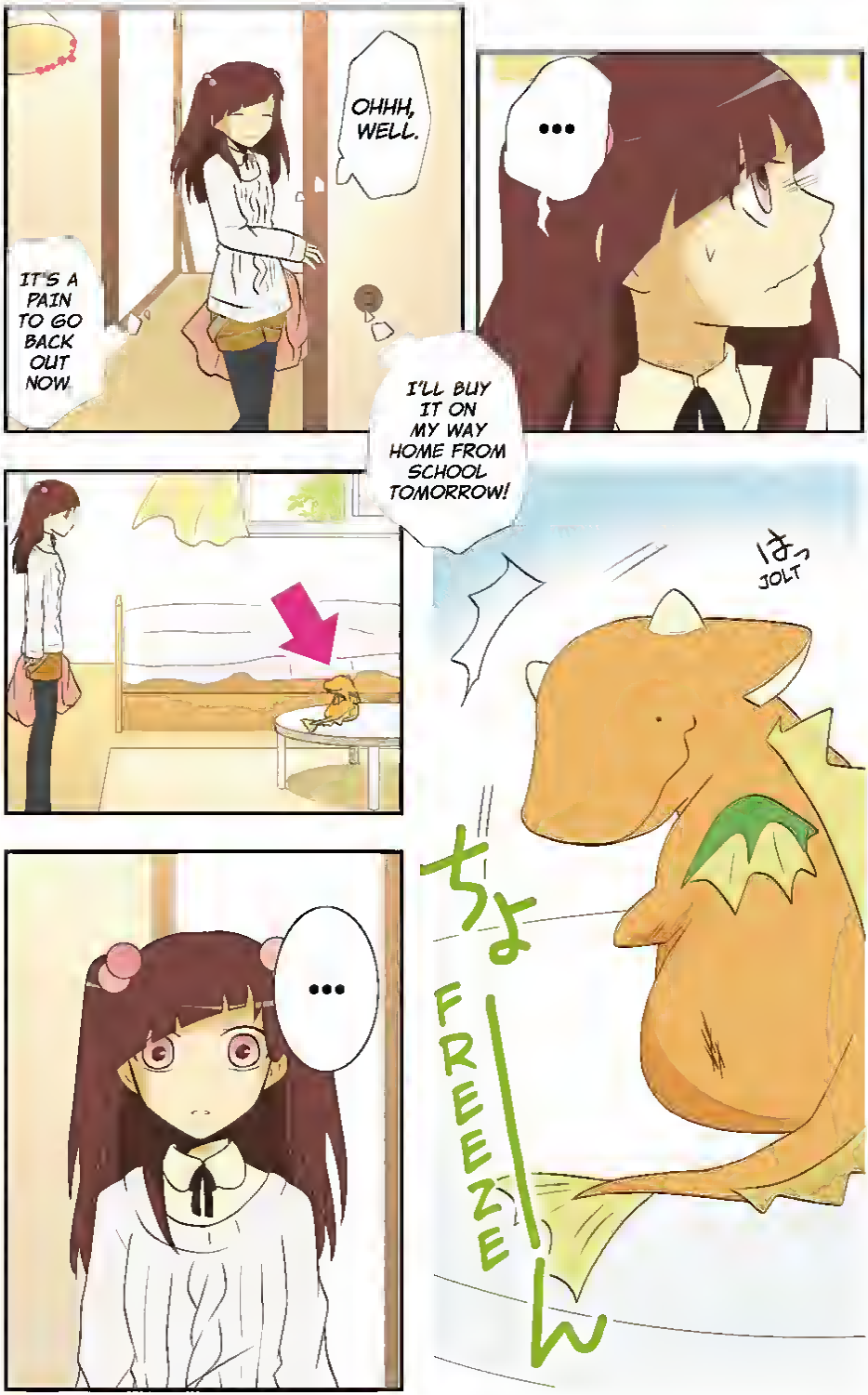
I GOT SO DIS-TRACTED BY THE CREPES THAT I FORGOT TO BUY THE BOOK!!
AH!
HMM... I FEEL LIKE I'M MISSING SOME-THING.
WHAT DID I FORGET...?


OHHH, WELL.
IT'S A PAIN TO GO BACK OUT NOW
...
I'LL BUY IT ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL TOMORROW!
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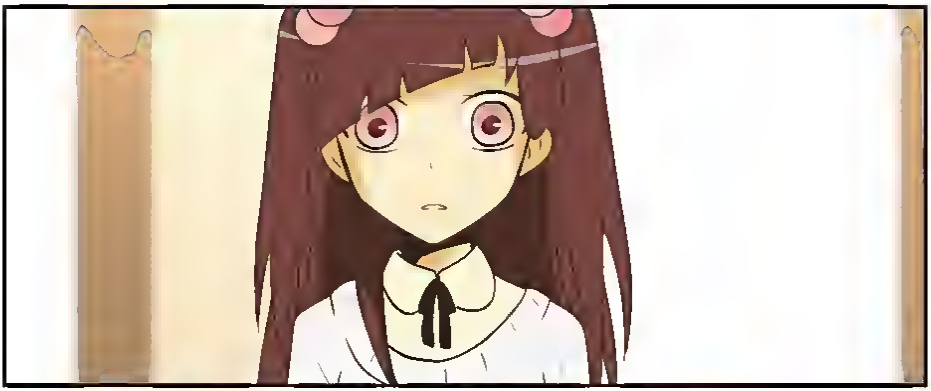

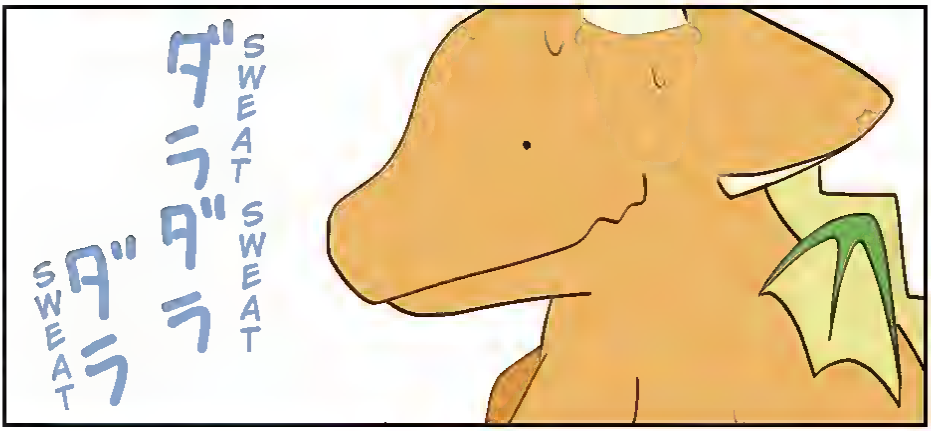
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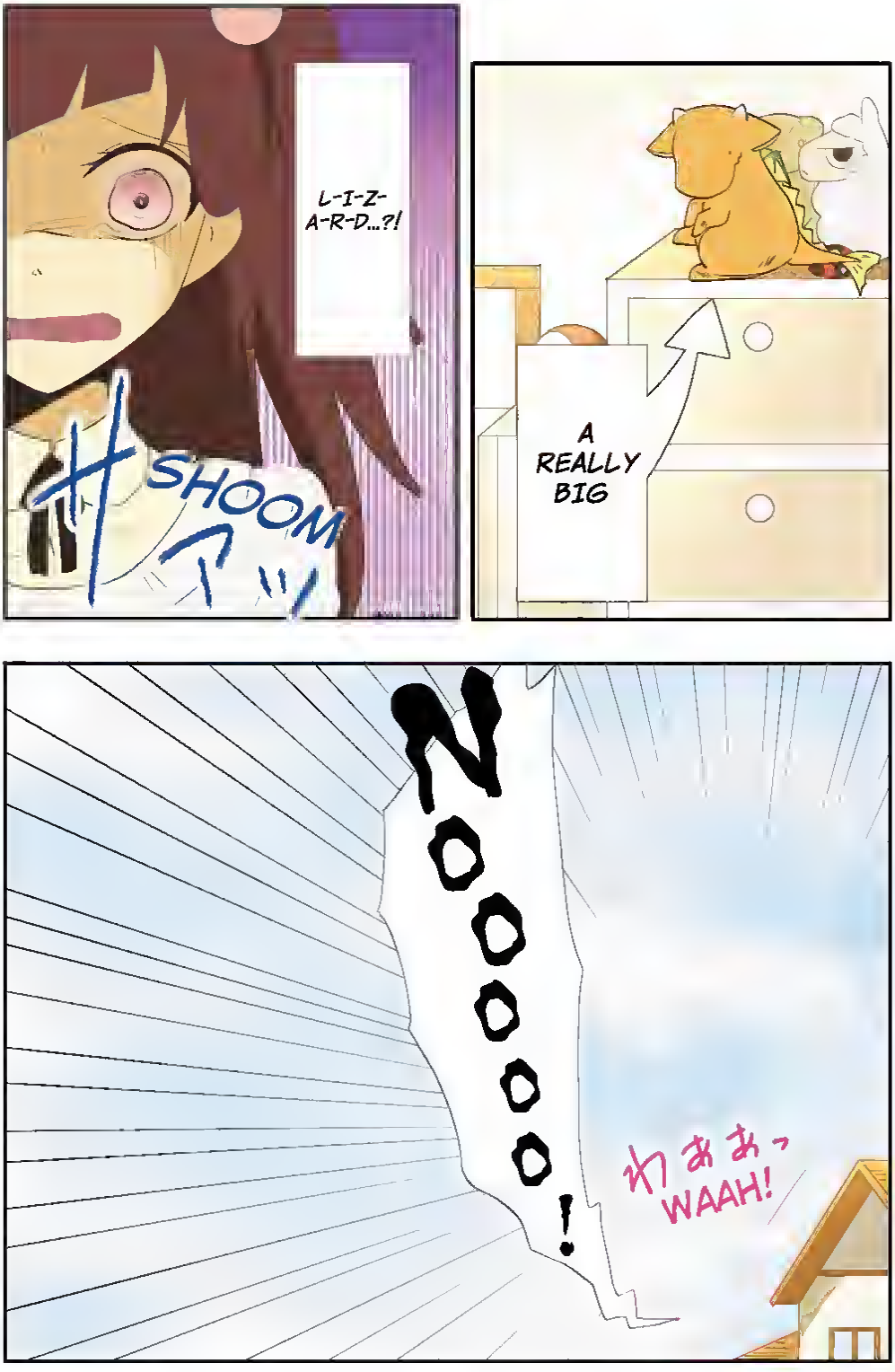
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A-R-D...?!
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WAAH!